Another Project of the I.H.S.

Last fall a couple of us were out to investigate where the brass plaque went to. The brass plaque commemorating the Barr family's original land.
We had a little difficulty locating it, however it was found intact. As you can see in the picture on the left, it was well hidden by the shrubs, grasses and young trees.
A few emails to the landowners and township —permission was granted.
A couple hours of one of us crawling around with a pair of pruning shears and the other with a sharp chainsaw—and Voila! The outcome? Have a look at the picture on the right.

About half of the original stone wall has been exposed for all to enjoy. Our calendars did not afford us the time to return to the scene and finish the job. But don't dismay.
Once the blackflies are done we will be back out to finish the job.

Official Emblem of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee

Dress up in your regal finery !
Help us
Celebrate the Queen's birthday !
at the June 2

Victorian Tea

Saturday, June 2, 2012
Doors open at 11—lunch served 12
$15 per person
Kinmount Community Centre

Save the Date

Enjoy fancy sandwiches, fresh scones w/ Devonshire cream,
Homemade preserves, Fresh Fruits, and dainty desserts —
served on 3 tiered plates, china teacups,
and cloth napkins.
Photo Opportunities ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Surprises Galore
Invite friends—make tables of 2, 4, 6 or 8

Email irondalehistory@gmail.com
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Open House—October 2011

Fantastic weather brought several dozen citizens out to take in the many displays at the Irondale Community Centre.

One visitor remarked "I come to each & every open house wondering if there will be anything new to look at. I am amazed at the variety of new stuff that has come out of the closets of this small community"

Rev. Merv Everall enjoyed reminiscing about his time serving the community. He kindly offered his services and support.

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Bill Procter showed some of his grandfather, Percy Procter's original tax bills from the early 1900s. Percy received the tax bills however the deed was in his wife's name.

Kinmount Artist, Brenda Mulholland had been commissioned by a private individual to create sketches of five of the buildings that once stood in Irondale. Brenda worked from several very old pictures. The sepia toned pieces can be seen in the photo on page 5.

Brenda gave us permission to reproduce her sketches on note cards. For information on purchasing the cards, please see the advert elsewhere in this newsletter.

The items displayed at the Open House depicted the cottaging side of the Irondale area; some of the postal history of Irondale with a few good examples; histories of many early families; & pictures of buildings & businesses of the past.

There were a couple of dvds running for those wishing to pause & reflect. These dvds had been copied from old vhs tapes. Some of the scenes were grainy but they were still enjoyable.

Don't miss out on the newly found treasures at the next Open House.

Continued pg 5

Church Designation Update

The struggle to have the church restoration work done continues. The Irondale Historical Society's Board of Directors has been working diligently to have the Anglican Diocese of Toronto take the required and necessary steps to secure the integrity of the Irondale Church. The Directors have run into many snags but are making gains. A formal complaint using the Township of Minden Hills' Property Standards By-Law is the latest strategy. There will be a meeting in the near future. The entire walls are being compromised by the leaking of the heavy roof.

We will keep you updated.

"Designation" confers a legal status on a property by a specific by-law under the Ontario Heritage Act and gives Council the legal authority to refuse an application that will adversely affect the property's heritage attributes.

Thanks to Brenda Mulholland for the fabulous renditions of a few Irondale buildings. Working from scanned images of old photos, Brenda has done a superb job of sketching the details. These sketches were part of a commissioned piece that Brenda was hired to do. Both artist and owner have given permission to have these sketches recreated on note cards. You may purchase these note cards from the Irondale Historical Society for $2.50 each. Use the note cards themselves for personal letters, greeting cards or simply frame to enjoy year round. Call or email.

Warm Welcome to our newest members -

Alex & Kay Armatage	Janet Farina	Leroy & Nancy Lichty	Cora (Wright) Richards
Ken Clark	Laura Farina	Peter & Margherita Matson	Samantha Thompson
Merv Everall	Ruby Graham	Pat Miller	Al & Pat Witham
Heather Farina	John & Heather Harbinson	Helen Pantridge	

R e m e m b e r If you want to see your name listed here in the next issue, you need to send in your $10 per person. Memberships purchased are valid until August 2012. Join today it shows others you support this worthy cause.

General Stores of Irondale

Peter Barr (1847-1914) and wife Elizabeth McKay (1852-1917) arrived in Irondale 1873 shortly after they wed. Coming from the Perth area of Ontario, Peter built a log home at the foot of the hill to Devils Lake. A stone wall runs along this property now. This house burnt and another was built across the road in 1877. Here Peter and his son, also a Peter (1874-1921) operated a general store serving the community's needs until 1911. Frank Vanderlip purchased the house/store from the Barr's. It seems the business was not to his liking. He left the building in 1912. William Rumble of Toronto bought the building in Jan 1913, selling to Percy Procter in Dec of that year. Following Percy's death in 1948, son William 'Bill' took over. In 1952 Bill built a new store next door. A Delco plant generated electricity and 'electric' gas pumps. Bill & wife Lillian lived in the old house/store. Lillian's mother lived in the apartment built above the new store. Continued pg 4

The earliest picture we have of the Barr General Store, built 1877.

This picture was taken about 1920

New store built 1952. Many citizens can remember crowdin' round a 10" black & white tv to watch "Hockey Night in Canada" on Saturday nights.

Open House cont'd

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Bill Procter shows Bill & Bette Witham some of the original tax bills that his grandfather Percy Procter in the early 1900's. Percy received the tax bills however his wife held the deed.

If you would like a copy of the Church Memories, contact Sue Thompson using the Society's email

The commissioned pieces done by Brenda Mulholland can be seen in this photo.

Mr. Aaron Witham enjoyed reading the memories others had about the Irondale Church. His aunt, Susan Thompson, collected stories from the community and beyond, and assembled them into book form.

Margy Swanton explains family ties among the names & faces in some of the articles on display.

2nd Annual

"Beast Feast"

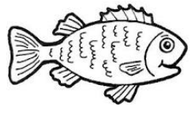
Wild Game

Dinner Event

When: Saturday July 14, 2012 Doors open 5:00 Dinner 6:00

Where: Galway Hall, Galway Road, Kinmount Cost: $20 per person

Cash Bar Bring your loonies (& more) New ways to win fabulous prizes.



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Irondale Historical Society's Statement of Revenue & Expenditure
For Year Ending August 31, 2011

Revenue		
Memberships	$ 605.00	
Donations	1,031.03	
Donations - "In Kind"	1,426.88	
Fundraising - Victoria Tea	750.00	
Fundraising - Wild Game Dinner	7,142.61	
		$ 10,955.52
Expenditures		
Advertising	40.26	
Bank charges	143.80	
Consulting fees	900.00	
Fundraising - Victoria Tea	211.20	
Fundraising - Wild Game Dinner	1,405.77	
Incorporation costs	400.00	
Membership - Ontario Historical Society	50.00	
Newsletter	225.35	
Office supplies	166.36	
Rental fees	65.00	
Website	110.00	
		3,717.74
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures, for the year		**$ 7,237.78**
Represented by Cash Balance - CIBC - August 31, 2011		**$ 7,237.78**

Can We Entice You To Become A Postage Provider ? It takes $30 for postage each time we do a mailing. This money allows us to send a newsletter to all households within the Irondale area as well as those on our mailing list outside the area. Consider donating enough postage for one mailing. Contact Carol.

Editor's Notes

Please consider putting a small piece together. If you have photos to go with it great. If not that's okay too. As you can see the articles we have included are not wordy and use everyday language. Point form scribbled notes are fantastic too! Give me an idea of what topics you'd like to read about. I'll do my best to comply. Maybe you just want to share a photo or have a piece of poetry, gramma's recipe or remedy. Please contact me.

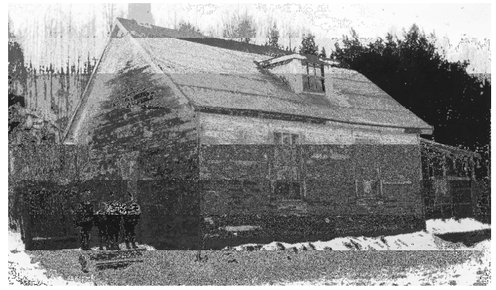
Carol

Mrs. Beatrice Hancock took over the store in 1963. Her husband Joe built the present Irondale store on #503. The Hancock family continue today to serve the Irondale community.

Picture taken from Lindsay Post newspaper Sept 15, 1973 issue located in Hancock's General Store.

Over the years there have been other stores serving the Irondale community -

Fred & Pearl Simmons operated a store from their house, probably about 1950 to ?
(Sorry didn't get my homework finished)



George & Ethel Simmons, with the help of their daughters, served customers from the store they set up in the 'porch' area of their home across from the Irondale Church. The Porch/store was built along the right wall. I have seen a photo of the building with the store on it. Could someone lend it to me for scanning? Thx Carol

EXCITING NEWS!!!

Barb Leffering of "Quilters Inn" in Kinmount has graciously offered her expertise to us. Barb is going to create a Signature Quilt for the Irondale Historical Society. The exact design has not been decided upon.

We need your assistance to help us with that decision.

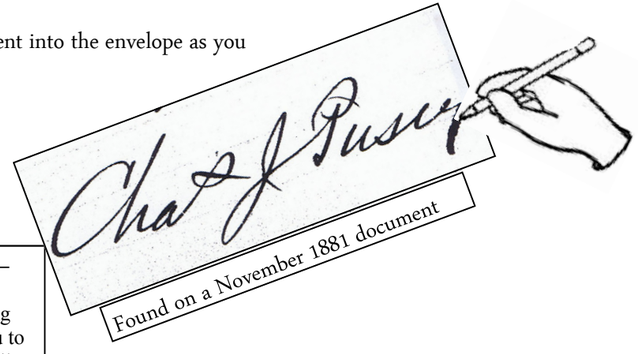
The number of signatures we gather will have a bearing on the final design. You will find a loose sheet of paper and an envelope with this newsletter.

1. Sign your name—legibly please—within the space. *please see example* Entice others to do the same.
2. Enclose the sheet of signatures and $5 per signature in the envelope provided. Feel free to photocopy the sheet when more space is needed.
3. Stuff as many signed sheets with appropriate payment into the envelope as you can.

   Please feel free to use a larger envelope!!

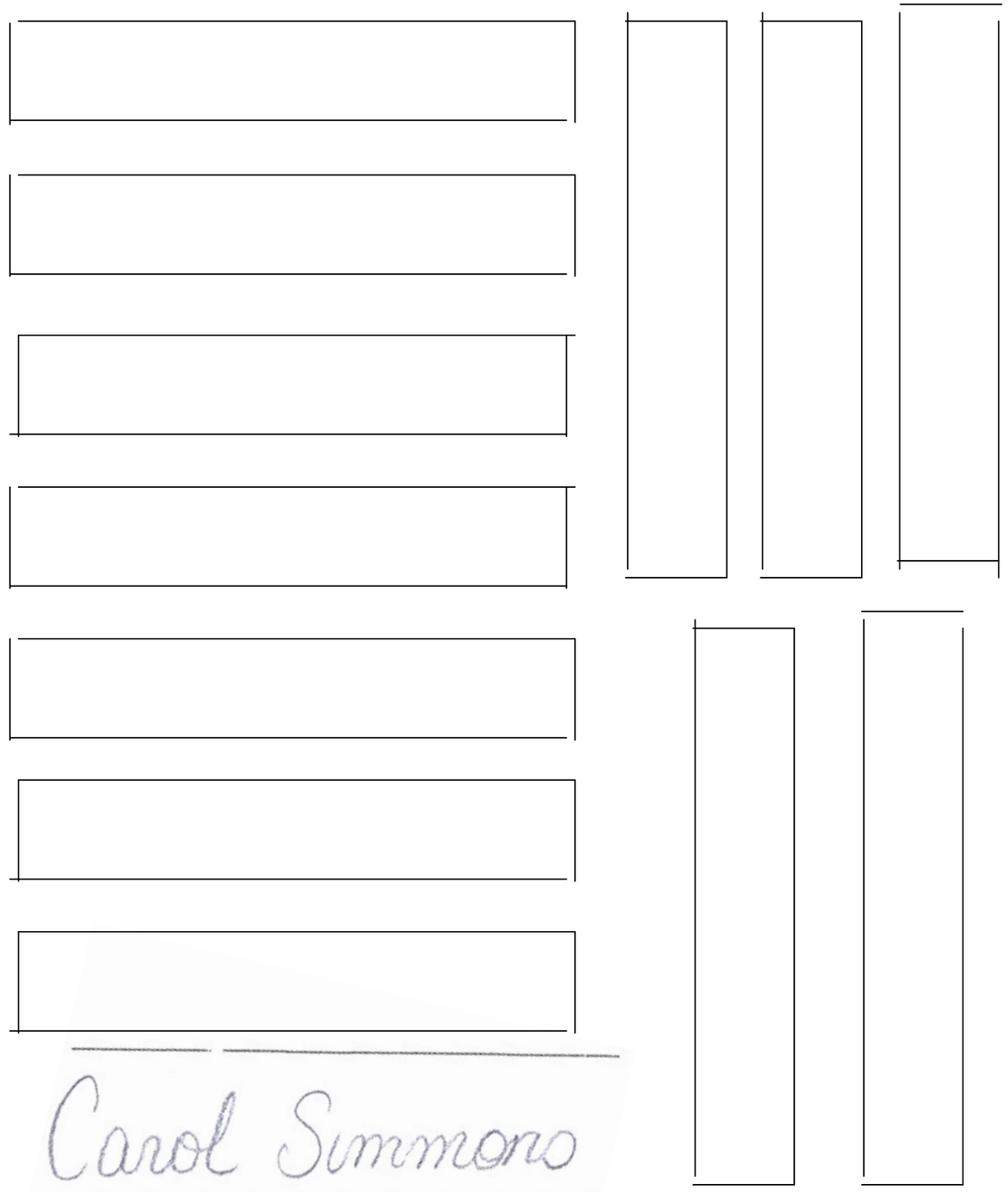
Our goal is to collect 200 signatures.

Be sure to Count Yourself In.



Note sent with change of address —

"Dear Carol: We really enjoy reading the Newsletters. A special thank you to you and your board of directors for all your hard work! Most sincerely, Helen and Arnold Hancock "



Carol Simmons

Please sign your name in the box, as large and as legible as you can; makes it easier to reproduce on the quilt. Thanks